

House Resolution 17 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

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1 A Resolution honoring the Marshalltown Rotary Club on
2 its centennial anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, Marshalltown banker and businessman
4 Wallace H. Arney organized an informal meeting attended
5 by 13 local businessmen, which was followed by an
6 organizational meeting of the Marshalltown Rotary
7 Club on July 7, 1915, attended by 52 prospective
8 members; and

9 WHEREAS, though the Board of Rotary International
10 initially ruled that a club could not succeed in a town
11 of less than 25,000 residents, the persistence of the
12 founding members resulted in permission to establish
13 the 185th Rotary Club in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, the first meeting of the new club was
15 held on July 19, 1915, at the Pilgrim Hotel at which
16 Mr. Arney was elected to serve as the club's first
17 president; and

18 WHEREAS, the club has grown its membership to 172,
19 making it the largest service club in Marshalltown and
20 one of the largest Rotary Clubs in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, while the city of Marshalltown and the
22 Marshalltown Rotary Club have seen many changes over
23 the years, the club continues to provide "Service
24 Above Self" by working to make lasting improvements
25 around the world and at home in Marshalltown and the
26 surrounding area; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
28 That the House of Representatives congratulates the

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1 Marshalltown Rotary Club on the 100th anniversary of
2 its founding in 1915.